

What is claimed is:

1. A system for proofing electronic documents delivered over a network, comprising:
 - a plurality of electronic documents in portable document file format;
 - 5 a computer connectable to the network for receiving the plurality of portable format documents together with at least one associated proofer identifier;
 - a program executing on said computer for assigning a version number to each of the plurality of received portable format documents; and
 - 10 a database accessible by said computer for storing the documents and associated version numbers;
 - said computer for receiving a request, from a proofer presenting the proofer identifier, to review multiple versions of a portable format electronic document;
 - 15 said program for retrieving and formatting the requested multiple document versions for simultaneous display to permit visual comparison.
2. The system of claim 1 in which the network is the internet.
3. The system of claim 2 in which said program sends an email each time a new document version is received, notifying the proofer that it is available for review.
4. The system of claim 2 in which said computer includes a webserver program for publishing document versions to proofers.
5. The system of claim 4 in which said computer executes scripts permitting the proofer to request information from said database through the web-server program.

6. The system of claim 4 in which said computer executes scripts which interpret commands entered by the proofer.

7. The system of claim 1 in which said computer receives comments from proofers concerning the document versions, and in which said program stores the comments in said database together with the corresponding document version.

8. The system of claim 7 in which said computer formats a history of received comments for display together with a document version.

9. The system of claim 1 wherein said program retrieves records corresponding to each of the requested document versions and assembles URLs pointing toward the documents from data in the records.

~~10.~~ A system for proofing electronic documents delivered over a network, comprising:

a database of portable format electronic documents stored together with at least one proofer identifier;

5 a computer connectable to the network for receiving a plurality of comments, each concerning a particular one of the portable format documents; and

a program executing on said computer for associating and storing the received plurality of comments together with the particular portable format
10 electronic documents;

said computer for receiving a request, from a proofer presenting the proofer identifier, to review a particular portable format electronic document;

said program for retrieving and formatting the requested document together with the associated plurality of comments for simultaneous display to
15 permit review.

11. The system of claim 10 in which at least some of the plurality of comments are received by said computer together with a proofer identifier.
12. The system of claim 10 in which at least some of the plurality of comments are received by said computer together with a creator identifier.
13. The system of claim 10 in which the network is the internet.
14. The system of claim 13 in which said program sends an email each time a new comment version is received, notifying the proofer that it is available for review.
15. The system of claim 10 in which said program retrieves and formats multiple versions of a requested document together with the associated plurality of comments for simultaneous display to permit visual comparison and review.
16. The system of claim 10 wherein said program retrieves a record corresponding to the requested document and assembles a URL pointing toward the document from data in the record.

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17. A system for proofing electronic documents delivered over a network, comprising:
 - a plurality of electronic documents in portable document file format;
 - a computer connectable to the network for receiving the plurality of
 - 5 portable format documents together with at least one associated proofer identifier;
 - a program executing on said computer for assigning a version number to each of the plurality of received portable format documents; and
 - a database accessible by said computer for storing the documents and
 - 10 version numbers;

said computer for receiving a request, from a proofer presenting the proofer identifier, to review a portable format electronic document;

said program for retrieving and formatting a current version of the requested document for display;

15 said computer for receiving a version command from a proofer presenting the proofer identifier;

said program for interpreting the version command to replace the current version of the document with a different version of the portable format electronic document.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein said program retrieves and formats multiple versions of the requested document for simultaneous display.

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19. The system of claim 17 in which said computer receives comments from proofers concerning the document versions, and in which said program stores the comments in said database together with the corresponding document version.

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20. The system of claim ¹⁸19 in which said computer formats a history of received comments for display together with a document version.

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21. The system of claim 17 in which the network is the internet and in which said computer includes a web server program.

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22. A system for proofing electronic documents delivered over a network, comprising:

a plurality of electronic documents in portable document file format;

5 a computer connectable to the network for receiving the plurality of portable format documents together with at least one associated proofer identifier;

 a program executing on said computer for assigning a version number to each of the plurality of received portable format documents; and

10 a database accessible by said computer for storing the documents and associated version numbers;

 said computer for receiving a plurality of comments, each concerning a particular one of the portable format document versions;

15 said computer for receiving a request, from a proofer presenting the proofer identifier, to review multiple versions of a portable format electronic document;

 said program for retrieving and formatting the requested multiple document versions for simultaneous display together with corresponding comments to permit visual comparison;

20 said computer for receiving a version command from a proofer presenting the proofer identifier;

 said program for interpreting the version command to replace the current version of the document with a different version of the portable format electronic document.